

Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act Project

LOCATION: San Xavier and Schuk Toak Districts of the Tohono O’Odham Nation, Pima County, Arizona.

DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION: This project includes work funded by Reclamation for construction of Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act facilities. Project facilities authorized by the Act include rehabilitation of the San Xavier District Existing Farm and construction of irrigation distribution systems to service the Schuk Toak New Farm and the San Xavier District New Farm. The San Xavier Existing Farm rehabilitation, Schuk Toak New Farm and San Xavier New Farm projects are also funded under Central Arizona Project for that portion of the delivery systems which connect the on-reservation delivery systems to the Central Arizona Project. Other authorized work, such as the Tohono O’Odham Water Resource Inventory and Water Management Plan is also carried out under this project.

Project operations are covered, including water delivery. The Secretary of the Interior is required to deliver annually up to 16,000 acre-feet of water to the Schuk Toak District and 50,000 acre-feet of water to the San Xavier District of the Tohono O’Odham Nation at no cost to the Nation or Districts. The Act established the Cooperative Fund as a source of funds for the Secretary to meet these obligations. The Cooperative Fund is administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and funds are transferred to Reclamation to pay operational costs.

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 85, Snyder Act, November 2, 1921 and P.L. 97-293, Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, October 12, 1982.

COMPLETION DATA: As of September 30, 2000, the entire project is 30 percent complete. The authorizing Act required delivery to the Tohono O’Odham Nation to begin prior to October 12, 1992. Additional legislation extended the completion date by nine months. Schuk Toak New Farm was substantially completed in FY 2000. The Tohono O’odham Water Resource Inventory was fully funded in FY 2000 and completion of final report has been extended from September 2000 to September 2001 at the tribe’s request for additional time. Based on project schedule changes, the completion date has changed from 2004 shown in the FY 2001 Budget Justifications to reflect completion of the San Xavier Existing Farm Rehabilitation in FY 2005 and FY 2007 or beyond for the San Xavier Farm Extension. A scheduled completion of the San Xavier New Farm has been deferred until the Nation has resolved its outstanding issues. Reclamation will work with the Nation to develop a new schedule as needed.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

Program Financial Data

Activity	FY 2001	FY 2002
Water and Energy Management and Development	\$5,212,567	\$4,055,000
Facilities Operations	811,000	1,075,000
Total Program	\$6,023,567	\$5,130,000
Prior Year Funds	(23,567)	0
Other Federal	(811,000)	(1,075,000)
Enacted	\$5,189,000	\$4,055,000
Underfinancing	(1,191,000)	0
FY 2001 Rescission (P.L. 106-554)	(9,000)	0
Total Reclamation Allotment	\$3,989,000	\$4,055,000

Total Construction Costs to be Allocated:

	Total Estimated Cost	Total to 9/30/00 ^{1/}	FY 2001	FY 2002	Balance to Complete
Reclamation	\$64,983,000	\$20,434,999	\$3,989,000	\$4,055,000	\$36,504,001
Total	\$64,983,000	\$20,434,999	\$3,989,000	\$4,055,000	\$36,504,001

^{1/} Prior to FY 1997, construction costs for this settlement act's implementation activities, in excess of Central Arizona Project authorization, were funded from Bureau of Indian Affairs transfers as well as Reclamation appropriations under Indian Water Right Settlement Acts. Total obligations through September 30, 1997, from these other programs is \$9,282,040.

METHODOLOGY: There is no change to total estimated cost from the FY 2001 Budget Justifications.

APPROPRIATION CEILING: The Act does not provide an overall appropriation ceiling. However, Section 303 (a)(4) of the Act contains an appropriation authorization of \$3,500,000 plus or minus indexing for those features of the project which are not authorized to be constructed under any other provision of law. The San Xavier District and the remainder of the Schuk Toak District new farm will be constructed under the provision of the Snyder Act which does not specify an appropriation ceiling.

WORK PROPOSED IN FY 2002:

Water and Energy Management and Development -

San Xavier Existing Farm Rehabilitation and Extension - Continues construction of the Existing Farm and activities associated with general settlement act and program oversight, construction, cultural resource surveys and mitigation, and the program administration of the San Xavier Existing Farm Rehabilitation and Extension work.

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Subtotal, Water and Energy Management and Development **\$4,055,000**

Facility Operations -

Schuk-Toak and San Xavier Water Delivery - Continues purchasing water for delivery, administering and paying the cost associated with an Operation & Maintenance contract with the Nation and Districts to operate and maintain a 2.5 mile off-reservation pipeline used to deliver Central Arizona Project water to Schuk Toak. No Reclamation funds are being requested; Bureau of Indian Affairs will provide the necessary funds from the Cooperative Fund.

\$1,075,000

Other Agency - Bureau of Indian Affairs (1,075,000)

Subtotal, Facilities Operations **0**

Reclamation Request **\$4,055,000**

SEE APPENDIX FOR: Land Certification
 Obligations by Function for Operating Projects
 Project Repayment for FY 2002
 Summary of Irrigation Investment
 Status of NEPA Compliance